



Three panelists presented their research during the first session of Empire at End: Global Transformations in the Late Cold War, held April 3-4, 2009, at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. From left to right are Dustin Walcher, from Southern Oregon University; Robert Rakove, postdoctoral fellow at the Mershon Center; Ryan Irwin, a fellow at Yale University and a Ph.D. candidate in History at The Ohio State University, presenting his dissertation "Fighting the Wind: Defining Apartheid in the Postcolonial Moment"; and Lien-Hang Nguyen, Assistant Professor of History at University of Kentucky.



Empire at End conference participants discuss the first panel topic, "After Empire." Dustin Walcher (standing right) presented on "Empire and Nationalism: The United States, Argentina, and the Challenge of Social Revolution, 1966-1970" and discusses his research with Jason Parker (standing left) from Texas A&M University, and a former postdoctoral fellow at the Mershon Center. Ryan Irwin (sitting left) discusses his research with Lien-Hang Nguyen (sitting right).



Ryan Irwin (sitting left) presented on "Fighting the Wind: Defining Apartheid in the Postcolonial Moment" and discusses his work with the panel commentator, Lien-Hang Nguyen.



Empire At End conference participants mingle during a break after the first panel discussion. This conference was sponsored by the Mershon Center for International Security Studies.





Emily Rosenberg, Professor of History at the University of California-Irvine, presented the conference plenary address on "Consumer Capitalism and the End of the Cold War."



John Mueller (center), Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies, posed a question to Emily Rosenberg after her presentation on consumer capitalism in the post-Cold War era. Referring to the influx of "Western" goods into previously closed communist countries, he asked about Rosenberg's research on the effects of imported goods like computers and video cameras, whose contents could not be easily regulated by officials.



Emily Rosenberg (left), Professor of History at the University of California-Irvine, speaks with Carole Fink (right), Distinguished Humanities Professor of History at The Ohio State University.



Empire at End conference participants break between panels on Friday, April 3, 2009.





Productive discussions continued between conference participants at break time. Conversations focused on the three panel themes, "After Empire," "Seeking New Forms of Order," and "The Aftermath" of the late Cold War period.



Carole Fink (top right corner) served as commentator for a panel at the Empire at End conference on "Seeking New Forms of Order." Presenters included Kathleen Barr from Texas A&M University; Daniel Sargent from University of California-Berkeley; Charles Carter from The Ohio State University; and Sarah Snyder from Yale University.



Carole Fink (right), Humanities Distinguished Professor of History, discusses the presentations made by Kathleen Barr (center) and Daniel Sargent. Barr presented her research on "Held Hostage: America and Its Allies Confront OPEC" and Sargent presented his work on "The United States and Globalization in the 1970s."



Charles Carter (left), Ph.D. Candidate in History at The Ohio State University, presented his project "A Pipeline to Arms: Osthandel and the Rise of Soviet Arms Sales to the Non-Communist Third World."





Robert McMahon (right), Ralph D. Mershon Professor of History, comments during the final panel of Empire at End on April 3. Listening (from left to right) are Dustin Walcher, post-doctoral fellow at Southern Oregon University, Paul Chamberlain, Ph.D. candidate in History at The Ohio State University, and Ryan Irwin, fellow at Yale University and Ph.D. candidate in History at The Ohio State University.



Organizers of the Empire at End conference included (from left to right) faculty advisor Carole Fink and three Ph.D. candidates in History at The Ohio State University, Charles Carter, Alex Poster, and Ryan Irwin.